

# DIY Plaster of Paris Home Decor



Tools you will need to create Plaster of Paris Home Decor :

DAP Plaster of Paris

clean, empty plastic containers, preferably drink containers such as bottled water

1/2" PVC pipe (optional 3/4" pipe)

1/2" PVC cap (optional 3/4" cap)

rubber gloves

Bowl to mix your plaster of paris in

something to measure your P.O.P. and water mixture with

Saw

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. First cut the tops off of your plastic containers using any kind of saw. (a hand held saw works best, or you can use a jig saw or miter saw) You will also want to cut your PVC pipe down to about an inch shorter than you want your vase to be. See photo A. Put a cap on the end of each of your PVC pipes. (you will only need one PVC pipe/cap per vase)

2. To make our two vases, we used 6 cups of DAP Plaster of Paris and 6 cups of water. Wear rubber gloves and mix with your hands in a bowl. Plaster of Paris sets up within 10 minutes or so, so you will want to work quickly once it is mixed.

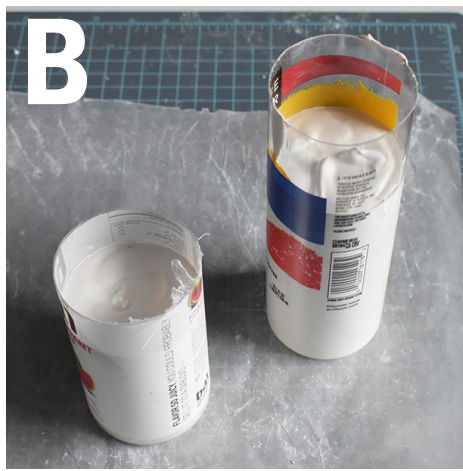
3. Pour the Plaster of Paris into your plastic bottles. Leave about an inch of space from the top so there is room for your PVC tube. Carefully push your PVC pipe (cap first) into the Plaster of Paris, directly in the center. See images C - G. The pipe will want to 'float' up out of the top just a bit, so find something to use as a light weight to hold it flush with the top of the plaster. I used a small craft paint bottle to hold my pipe down. (image I)

4. Once your plaster has set up, use a pliers to rip the plastic bottle at an angle, working your way down until your vase is revealed.

TIP: The 1/2" PVC will only hold 1 or 2 stems, so if you want your vase to hold more, use 3/4" PVC pipe and a 3/4" cap.



Gather your materials!



Mix and pour in your plaster

+ Tip: To get the top of your vase smooth, before you put your PVC pipe in, bounce the container on the surface lightly to even out the plaster.



Push your PVC pipe in



Press it down in the center



Push it down flush with the plaster



The pipes will pop up a little



Use something to weigh down the pipes until the plaster sets



Use a pliers to tear the plastic bottle at an angle